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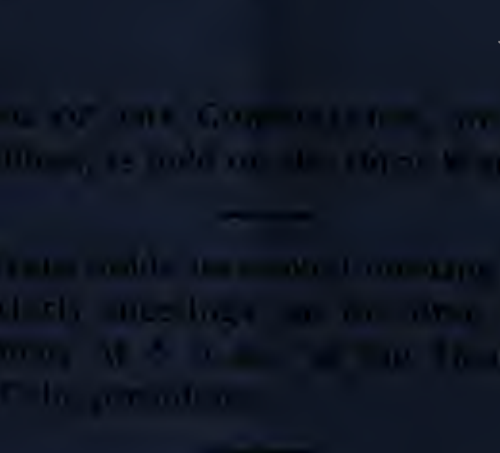

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL,

For the Year 1881.

The Trustees congratulate the members of the Corporation upon the satisfactory working of the institution during the past year, and they refer to the report of their Executive Committee for the details of management and of the expenditures and receipts.

For the first time in its history the Hospital has received from the city authorities a notable recognition of the valuable work which it is doing in this community. A tract of land adjoining the grounds of this Corporation has been conveyed to it by the city, thus furnishing abundant room for increasing the size of the Hospital building, as well as securing light, air, and quiet for the patients.

It is worthy of remark that although there was some opposition to the grant in the City Council, no one ventured to question the fact that the charitable work of the Hospital was of the highest service and benefit to the people of Boston.

The fact that nearly a hundred free patients are annually treated, who would otherwise be at the public charge, was recognized as establishing a claim upon the city for assistance and support. Moreover, as the students of the Medical School of Boston University are excluded from attendance at the City Hospital, not from any unwillingness upon the part of the trustees of that institution, as we are given to understand, but solely on account of the persistent opposition of the physicians and surgeons connected with it, it was possibly felt by the city authorities that an obligation was due to these students, which could for the moment best be discharged by a donation to the only general hospital which offers them facilities for obtaining a complete medical education.

The Trustees entertain the hope that during the next year steps will be taken to enlarge the present building, to the extent at least of providing a separate ward for surgical cases. The funded property of the Corporation at the beginning of the year 1881 amounted to $41,980, which has been increased by donations and bequests to $60,992. Two new perpetual free beds have been founded: one by Mrs. Valeria G. Stone, and the other by the bequest of the late Stephen N. Stockwell.

Owing to the general rise in the price of supplies and to the treat n of a number of cases requiring unusual care, the expenses of the year

have exceeded by about $800 those of last year; but the Trustees are of opinion that all possible economy consistent with the best comfort of the patients has been exercised.

One hundred and nine medical and one hundred surgical cases have been treated, being twenty-two cases more than were treated during the previous year. The number of deaths in the Hospital was nine, about four and one third per cent of the cases treated; a death-rate which is much lower than that of the Massachusetts or City Hospitals.

The Ladies' Aid Association has continued during the year its work of unobtrusive and efficient benevolence, and the Trustees cordially recognize the invaluable aid thus given to the administration of the Hospital.

It is hoped that during the coming year, especial efforts will be made by the friends of the homœopathic practice of medicine — a very large and increasing body, numbering many wealthy citizens — to provide money for the maintenance and extension of this institution. It needs and should obtain a liberal supply of funds. The work is growing; more patients than ever before are receiving treatment, and the Trustees find themselves hampered in conducting the Hospital by the want of accommodations.

They appeal with confidence but yet most urgently to the large numbers who are cognizant of its beneficent labors, to come to its assistance speedily and generously.

C. R. CODMAN,
President.

ELLEN FROTHINGHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Trustees of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital:

Your Executive Committee have held a regular meeting every Saturday during the past year, besides visiting the Hospital on other days. They have thoroughly inspected all the departments, and have found them always in a commendable condition. All matters pertaining to the Hospital and patients have received prompt attention; all requisitions for supplies or necessary repairs have been closely scrutinized and investigated, and the bills and accounts duly examined and approved before being paid.

We feel gratified to be able to state to your Board that the Hospital was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. It is with a feeling of much pride that we call your attention to its successful management, and to the increased quantity and excellence of the work accomplished.

The number of patients has been large. Throughout the entire year the demand for private or single rooms has been much greater than the Hospital could meet. No little skill has been required on the part of the matron in distributing the patients, and in so classifying and arranging them that one should not disturb another, while at the same time the largest possible number of beds should be used. This will be a much easier matter when the proposed addition shall be completed.

The medical and surgical staff has been constant in its attention to duties often arduous, and requiring great skill and watchfulness; and it has met with an unusual measure of encouragement and success.

At the beginning of the year, Mr. Edgar J. Hall was elected house physician, and Mr. Howard A. Gibbs house surgeon. Mr. Hall resigned in May, and Mr. George H. Talbot was appointed to fill the vacancy. We heartily commend them all for their devotion, and the satisfactory results accomplished.

Dr. Sullivan Whitney continues in charge of the pharmacy, superintending its details with care and economy, and satisfactorily discharging the duties of the office.

The endowment tablets placed in the main hall of the Hospital in 1880 have during the past year been inscribed with two additional names, — those of Mrs. Valeria G. Stone and Mr. Stephen N. Stockwell, each of whom has established a permanent free bed. That of Mrs. Stone has been placed under the control of Rev. W. H. Wilcox, and that founded by

Mr. Stockwell at the disposition of the Franklin Typographical Society, for the use of needy members of the association.

Liberal contributions of flowers, fruits, and other delicacies, also of books, newspapers, works of art, clothing, and linen, have been sent to the Hospital during the past twelve months, and were in every case duly recorded and acknowledged. For these gifts, which are a source of great pleasure to the patients, and supply a constantly pressing need, we are sincerely grateful.

It gives us pleasure to commend the zeal and efficiency which the matron, Mrs. Ella G. O'Neill, has brought to the discharge of her responsible duties, and to recognize the discipline and system of her management.

The nurses have been long in this and other hospitals, and their record for faithfulness can hardly be improved. The other persons in the employment of the Hospital are well qualified, and satisfactorily fill their various positions.

The Hospital building is in good condition, a few slight repairs on the exterior having been made in the course of the year. The renovation of several wards and closets last November has not only purified them, but greatly improved their appearance. These rooms were much out of repair, as no work had been put upon them since the Hospital was built. In order to distribute the expense through a number of years, your Committee deemed it of importance that some renovation should be accomplished every year until the entire building should be in perfect order.

The excellent sanitary arrangements, and the purity of the atmosphere throughout the building, continue to be matters of general approbation. This condition of the building is an inducement for invalids to leave pleasant homes that they may be under more favorable hygienic influence, at the same time that they are receiving homœopathic treatment.

The fire-alarm box, No. 643, has been removed from the outside to the inside of the Hospital building, that there may be no further annoyance from false alarms. A standpipe for extinguishing fires was put into the Hospital last year, and is always in readiness. Happily, there has as yet been no occasion for its use.

After the occurrence of the small fire in the Hospital basement during August, 1880, the gas regulator was missing. The unwarrantable increase in our gas bills for several succeeding quarters led your Committee to the belief that it was economy to have a new regulator. We therefore, at an expense of $50, had a new Schooley automatic regulator attached last April, and thus far with satisfactory results.

Much inconvenience having arisen from the imperfect working of the telephone, — the instruments being of the earlier patterns, and the wire being frequently used by other parties, to our great annoyance, — some change seemed absolutely necessary. The company agreed to make a liberal discount from their regular tariff, for entirely new instruments and a private wire to the central office, and in view of the convenience

and importance of having a private line under their control, your Committee decided to accept this proposition. The results thus far have been satisfactory.

The total amount of expense for maintaining the Hospital during the year 1881 has been $10,284.13. This amount, although about $800 more than last year, cannot be regarded as excessively large when we take into consideration that all articles of supply have advanced materially, and that many of the cases treated have been of such a nature as to require an unusual amount of nursing.

A judicious economy has been exercised in all departments, the greater part of the supplies having been purchased at wholesale prices, while the best quality of every article has always been procured. There has been a constant care that no waste should occur.

The following statement exhibits the amount and cost of the work accomplished by the Hospital the past year: —

STATEMENT.

Number of patients in the Hospital Jan. 1, 1881.		26
" " admitted during 1881		183
" " treated during 1881		209
" " remaining over Jan. 1, 1882		21
Average number of patients for the year 1881		19½
Entire number of days patients were treated		7,114
Average number of days each patient was treated		34
Number of paying patients for the year 1881		88
Whole number of days paying patients were present		2,566
Average number of days for each paying patient		29
Number of patients paying in part during the year 1881		14
Whole number of days of partial paying patients in year 1881,		994
Number of days this class paid in 1881		378
Number of days this class was treated free in 1881		616
Average number of days for each partial paying patient during the year 1881		71
Number of free patients during the year 1881		107
Whole number of days free patients were present in 1881		4,548
Average number of days each free patient remained in 1881		42½
Entire number of days paying patients were present in 1881		2,566
Entire number of days free patients were present in 1881		4,548
Total number of days treatment patients of all classes in 1881,		7,114
Entire expense of the Hospital for the year 1881	$10,284	13
Average cost per day for the 7,114 days patients were treated,	1	44½
Average cost per week for each patient in 1881	10	12

The Ladies' Aid Association, in its mission of usefulness, which enters largely into the successful management of our Hospital, has been notice-

ably prominent during the past year. Under its supervision the grounds were tastefully laid out early in the summer with flowering shrubs; new out-door comforts were furnished to the convalescents, and heartily enjoyed by them during the warm weather.

The Association has attended to the repairing and cleansing of furniture and bedding, and to the supplying of kitchen and laundry utensils as occasion required. The generous gifts of delicacies, of flowers and useful articles, which have been brought to the Hospital through the influence of its members, have been gratefully received and appreciated by the patients, who have also manifested great interest in the religious services, accompanied with singing, held frequently on Sundays under the supervision of the ladies.

We cannot thank the Association too heartily for the disinterested work which it accomplishes day by day, to the faithfulness of which the condition of the Hospital bears witness.

In April, 1881, the city authorities granted to the Corporation a lot of land, to be used exclusively for hospital purposes, containing 18,400 feet, and fronting on East Concord, Albany, and Stoughton Streets, adjoining the land on which the present Hospital building stands. This acquisition assures to the Hospital in the future a still larger measure of success than it has had in the past, by affording opportunity for an enlargement of our present building; an enlargement much needed for the better classification of patients, as well as for supplying room for the many applicants who now have to be turned from our doors.

In accordance with the instructions of your Board, the Executive Committee has had this lot of land enclosed by a substantial fence, and otherwise put in order, besides arranging with the city authorities to have several hundred loads of filling placed upon it without expense to the Hospital. This latter work is nearly completed. If, in the spring, this lot be smoothed off and seeded down, the appearance of the Hospital grounds will be greatly improved.

We sincerely hope that a generous public will not forget our needs, and that this noble charity may not only be well sustained in its present work, but extended into broader fields of usefulness. Sufficient sums of money will be received, as we trust, within the next few months, to justify your Board in erecting, before another new year, at least one wing of the contemplated group of Hospital buildings.

For the Executive Committee,

GEORGE H. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

Boston, Jan. 2, 1882.

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL FOR 1881.

Supervised by Executive Committee of Trustees.

Salaries and wages	$2,872 41
Night watching and nursing, extra	469 62
Provisions, groceries, flour, tea, and butter	3,876 18
Milk	726 24
Fuel	999 57
Gas	359 80
Water rates	138 70
Ice	99 45
Medical and surgical supplies	374 11
Repairs and renewals	186 77
Stationery, printing, and advertising	8 35
Sundry small supplies	64 78
Telephone rental	44 15
Water filter	14 00
Gas regulator	50 00
Total expenditure	$10,284 13

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GEO. H. LEONARD,
Chairman Executive Committee.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 31, 1881.

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS SUPERVISED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TRUSTEES FOR 1881.

Executive Committee of Trustees,

To Mass. Homœopathic Hospital.

1881.		Dr.	
Jan. 1.	To balance cash on hand	$355 11	
	To cash received from Isaac Fenno, Treasurer, various dates	5,595 00	
	To cash collected of patients, various dates	4,394 45	
			$10,344 56
		Cr.	
	By cash paid maintenance of Hospital	$10,284 13	
Dec. 31.	By balance cash on hand	60 43	
			$10,344 56

E. & O. E.

GEO. H. LEONARD,
Chairman Executive Committee.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 31, 1881.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

During the past year there has been a larger number of acute cases than in previous years, and a correspondingly less number of incurables, for whom a hospital affords no hope of permanent relief. Yet even of this class many have been received, and some have been much benefited by their treatment.

The mortality, which has always been very low in this Hospital, has been less than four and one half per cent during the year. Of the nine fatal cases, all but three entered in a hopeless condition. The cases of cancer reported as cured were tumors of this nature removed by excision. The wounds healed completely; but whether the disease will reappear, time only will decide.

There have been performed a larger number of severe and successful surgical operations than ever before. This department is likely to increase yearly, since even those with comfortable homes, if they require a surgical operation, frequently prefer to go to a hospital on account of the greater care to be obtained there, while the poor and dependent must necessarily resort to it. The great increase in New England of those who prefer homœopathic treatment will necessarily enlarge the demands on this institution. For these reasons, as well as for the better classification of patients, it is important that additional room should be speedily furnished.

MEDICAL CASES.

Disease.	No. of Cases.	Cured.	Improved.	Not Improved.	Died.	Remaining.
Anæmia	1	.....	.....	.....	1	
Bright's disease	1	.....	1			
Cancer of intestines	1	.....	.....	1		
Cancer of peritoneum	1	.....	.....	1		1
Cystitis	1	.....	.....	1		
Diseases of digestive system	9	4	2	3		
Diseases of nervous system	26	4	14	8	.....	5
Diseases of heart	6	1	1	2	2	1
Diseases of respiratory system	16	7	5	4	.....	2
Diseases of women	17	5	7	4	.....	1
Eczema	1	1				
Malaria	3	1	2			
Measles	1	1				
Nephritis	1	.....	1			
Opium habit	1	.....	1			
Peritonitis, chronic	1	.....	.....	1		
Phlebitis	1	.....	1			
Phthisis	1	.....	.....	1		
Rheumatism	16	9	4	2	1	
Tea habit	1	1				
Tonsilitis	1	1				
Typhoid fever	2	.....	.....	.....	2	
Typhoid pneumonia	1	1				
Total	109	36	39	28	6	10

SURGICAL CASES, GENERALLY REQUIRING OPERATION.

Disease.	No. of Cases.	Cured.	Improved.	Not Improved.	Died.	Remaining.
Abscess	2	2				
Amputation	2	2				
Burn	1	1				
Contusions	4	3	1			
Coxalgia	1	.....	1			
Diseases of eye	5	4	.....	1		
Eczema	1	.....	1			
Fissura ani	1	1				
Fistula in ano	2	1	1	.....	.....	1
Fracture	2	1	1			
Gangrene, senile	1	.....	.....	1		
Harelip	1	1				
Hemorrhoids	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Hydrocele	1	1				
Injury to hand	1	1				
Injury to hip	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Laceration of cervix uteri	1	.....	1			
Necrosis	7	2	4	1	.....	2
Orchitis, chronic	1	.....	.....	1		
Ovaritis	1	1				
Paralysis	1	.....	.....	1		
Phimosis	2	2				
Phimosis and inguinal hernia	1	1				
Plastic operation after burn	1	.....	1			
Rheumatism	1	.....	1			
Ruptured perineum	3	3				
Spinal curvature	2	.....	2			
Stone in bladder	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Stricture of the œsophagus	1	1				
Stricture of the urethra	1	.....	1			
Stricture of the vagina	1	.....	1			
Tonsilitis	1	1				
Tumors, adenoid	2	2				
Tumors, cancer	5	5				
Tumors, cystic	1	1				
Tumors, encephaloid	1	1				
Tumors, epithelioma	2	1	.....	.....	1	
Tumors, fibrous	1	1				
Tumors, mammary (no operation)	4	3	1			
Tumors, ovarian	4	2	.....	1	1	
Tumors, sarcoma of cervix uteri	1	1				
Tumors, uterine fibroid	5	.....	2	2	1	2
Uterine affections	12	4	5	3	.....	1
Vaginitis	1	1				
Varicocele	1	.....	1			
Varicose ulcers	7	6	1	.....	.....	1
Total	100	57	29	11	3	10

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ISAAC FENNO, TREASURER, *in account with Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.*

1881.		DR.	
Jan. 1.	To balance from 1880, acct. cash on hand .		$581 30
	To amount received for annual subscriptions:		
	Mr. W. B. Frothingham	$10 00	
	Mrs. G. R. Russell	100 00	
	Miss Susan I. White	10 00	
	Collected by Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft:		
	Mr. F. M. Weld	10 00	
	Mrs. F. M. Weld	10 00	
	Mr. B. R. Weld	10 00	
	Mrs. E. W. Converse	10 00	
	Mr. A. H. Batchelder	100 00	
	Total annual subscriptions . .		260 00
	To amount received from donations:		
	Mr. Arthur Reed	$10 00	
	Mr. Geo. Henry Quincy	100 00	
	Mr. Geo. S. Howard	100 00	
	Anonymous	10 00	
	Mrs. Anna L. Moring	100 00	
	Mr. Chester Guild	100 00	
	Mrs. A. B. Hubbard	100 00	
	Mr. Royal E. Robbins	250 00	
	Mrs. B. F. Kelley, Washington, D. C. .	5 00	
	Mr. John Felt Osgood	100 00	
	Lady Friends	18 00	
	Miss Frances Jones	300 00	
	Mr. John R. Hall	100 00	
	Caroline C. Thayer, through Dr. Thayer .	10 00	
	Collected by Dr. Talbot:		
	Mrs. Anna G. Ahlborn	100 00	
	A Friend	100 00	
	A Friend	10 00	
	Mr. Isaac B. Rich	25 00	
	A Grateful Patient	20 00	
	Miss L. M. Barnard	500 00	

Mr. H. C. Barnabee, through Dr. Wesselhoeft	$20 00	
Mr. W. C. Cross	50 00	
Total donations		$1,633 00
To amount received for annual free beds:		
E. M. Cary, collected by Dr. Talbot	$50 00	
Boston Society New Jerusalem	150 00	
Mrs. Susan O. Brooks	300 00	
Collected by Miss Helen Collamore:		
Mr. Samuel Hatch	20 00	
Mr. Eben Collamore	10 00	
Mrs. J. N. Fiske	10 00	
Mrs. J. B. Moors	5 00	
Miss I. T. Dobson	5 00	
Miss Fiske	5 00	
Miss Bradlee	20 00	
Miss Collamore	10 00	
Total annual free beds		585 00
To amount received for permanent free beds:		
Mrs. Valeria G. Stone	$5,000 00	
Estate S. N. Stockwell	5,000 00	
Total permanent free beds		10,000 00
To amount received from interest:		
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe bonds	$350 00	
City of Cincinnati bonds	180 00	
" St. Louis bonds	300 00	
" Columbus bonds	280 00	
" Detroit bonds	150 00	
Chicago and West Michigan R. R. bonds	71 64	
Chicago and West Michigan R. R. stock,	425 00	
Fitchburg R. R. stock	140 00	
Phila., Wil. & Balt. R. R. stock	160 00	
Total interest		2,056 64
To amount received for building fund:		
Mrs. Susan O. Brooks	$500 00	
Mr. C. G. White	25 00	
Mr. W. K. Blodget	500 00	
Mrs. D. D. Thorndike	200 00	
Mr. Lewis G. Pray	50 00	
Mrs. W. H. Horton	100 00	
Mr. S. G. Deblois	100 00	
Mrs. Samuel R. Morgan, New Bedford	10 00	
Mrs. S. Griffiths Morgan, "	10 00	
A Friend, New Bedford	10 00	
Mrs. Ben. Lindsey, New Bedford	5 00	

A Friend, New Bedford	$5 00	
G. Felix Mathes, M. D., New Bedford	10 00	
Mrs. E. A. Boardman	10 00	
Mr. Asa P. Potter	25 00	
Mr. C. R. Codman	500 00	
Mr. H. S. Russell	200 00	
Mr. John M. Forbes	1,000 00	
Total for building fund		$3,260 00
To amount received from changes of investment:		
City of Columbus bond No. 6 called	$997 75	
Sale of 3 rights Fitchburg R. R.	12 22	
Sale of 80 shares Phila., Wil. & Balt. R. R.	6,388 00	
Total change of investments		7,397 97
Total receipts during year 1881		25,192 61
Total debit		$25,773 91

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By amounts paid Executive Committee:		
Jan. 29	$600 00	
Feb. 26	600 00	
March 25	500 00	
April 29	600 00	
May 28	525 00	
June 25	600 00	
July 28	420 00	
Aug. 26	400 00	
Sept. 23	450 00	
Oct. 31	450 00	
Nov. 28	450 00	
Total paid Executive Committee		$5,595 00
By amounts paid for repairs on buildings:		
J. F. Marston, carpenter	$233 00	
E. Granger, painter	127 30	
Laborers, through G. H. Leonard	38 50	
Total paid repairs		398 80
By amounts paid for printing and advertising:		
Horace Dodd, for advertising	$305 70	
Alfred Mudge & Son, for printing	189 39	
Dr. Talbot, postage, etc.	33 49	
Total for printing, etc.		528 58
By amounts paid for insurance:		
Commonwealth Ins. Co., short policy	$7 87	
Phœnix Ins. Co., short policy	6 00	
Germania Ins. Co.	150 00	
La Confiance Ins. Co.	75 00	
Total for insurance		238 87

By amounts invested:		
23 shares Fitchburg R. R. @ $149.25	$3,432 75	
17 shares Fitchburg R. R. @ $143.75	2,443 75	
2 shares Fitchburg R. R., par and int.	201 31	
10 Chicago and West Michigan rights	7 25	
$6,000 bonds Chicago & W. Mich. R. R.	5,700 00	
Total invested		$11,785 06
Total payments		$18,546 31
Cash on hand in North Nat'l Bank,		7,227 60
		$25,773 91

LIST OF SECURITIES IN HANDS OF TREASURER, JAN. 1, 1882.

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R.	$5,000 00
City of St. Louis bonds	5,000 00
City of Columbus bonds	4,000 00
City of Detroit bonds	5,000 00
City of Cincinnati bonds	3,000 00
Chicago and W. Mich. R. R. bonds	6,000 00
170 shares Chicago and West Michigan R. R.	
42 shares Fitchburg R. R.	
30 shares Detroit, Hinsdale and Southwestern R. R.	

ISAAC FENNO, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, Finance Committee of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched. They have also examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer, and find them as stated by him.

C. R. CODMAN.
WILLIAM POPE.

FREE BEDS.

During the first six years of the Hospital, any person, by paying one thousand dollars to the permanent fund, could secure the life use of a free bed. Eight such free beds were established. But it was found that the income from the sum thus paid was only sufficient to sustain the bed a few weeks in each year; and though the Trustees did not fear any essential loss to the Hospital from this source, yet they thought it would be more satisfactory to all to make the cost of the bed nearly sufficient to meet the expense of it for the time occupied. Accordingly, in 1877, it was so arranged that any person who pays one thousand dollars may have the life use of a free bed three months in each year; twenty-five hundred dollars entitles the donor to the life use of the bed all the time; and five thousand dollars establishes a permanent free bed, which may always be kept full by the donor, and which the Hospital shall be bound to maintain after his decease, or it may be given immediately to the Hospital for its permanent use, under such name as may be designated and arranged.

An annual subscription of one hundred and fifty dollars entitles the donor to the use of a free bed for six months in the year. Temporary free beds may be secured, to be used at any time within one year, at the regular Hospital rates, to the full amount of the sum paid. This plan enables any one to own a free bed to the full amount which he may contribute or obtain, by subscription or otherwise, for the Hospital. In accordance with a vote of the Trustees that as many free beds be furnished at the Hospital expense as the funds will permit, three free beds have been supported during the past year from the funds of the Hospital. The following beds are now provided: —

LIST OF FREE BEDS, JAN. 1, 1881.

Name of Owner.	Address.	Time of Payment.	Amount Paid.	Character of Bed.
Mrs. George R. Russell..	1 Louisburg Square..	Dec., 1870.	$1,000 00	Life Free Bed.
Mrs. A. G. Farwell.....	16 Beacon Street	Jan., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Dr. George Russell.....	14 Lynde Street	July, 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Mrs. Mary Hemenway ..	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	Aug., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Miss Hannah M. Weld ..	Jamaica Plain.....	Sept., 1871.	1,668 11	" "
Dr. Sullivan Whitney...	Mass. Hom. Hospital.	Oct., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Thos. F. Richardson	13 Arlington Street...	Nov., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Hon. Rufus S. Frost.....	Chelsea.....	Jan., 1876.	2,500 00	" "
Miss Ellen Stearns.....	77 Beacon Street	April, 1876.	1,000 00	" "
Estate of A. Hemenway.	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	June, 1877.	10,000 00	2 Permanent Free Beds.
Ladies' Aid Association.	.....	May, 1877.	5,000 00	Permanent Free Bed.
Estate of Miss M. E. C. White	.....	Dec., 1880.	5,000 00	" "
Mrs. Valeria G. Stone...	Malden	Jan., 1881.	5,000 00	" "
Estate of S. N. Stockwell,	.....	Oct., 1881.	5,000 00	" "
Henry L. Pierce.....	209 State Street	Jan., 1882.	5,000 00	" "
Soociety New Jerusalem, Rev. James Reed.....	.....	.....	150 00	Annual Subscription.
Mrs. P. C. Brooks.....	89 Mt. Vernon Street.	.....	300 00	" "
Miss H. Collamore.....	115 Beacon Street	.....	85 00	Temporary Free Bed.
Dr. I. T. Talbot.....	66 Marlboro' Street...	.....	50 00	" "

DONATIONS.

THE following donations have been sent to the Hospital at various times during the year 1881: —

FRUIT, FLOWERS, AND PLANTS.

Mrs. Kennard, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. King, Mrs. Edward Whitney, Mr. R. S. Watson, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. G. A. Howard, Mrs. E. A. Wyeth, Dr. Culver, Dr. Sylvester, Mrs. Waldo Adams, Mr. C. P. Grimmer, Mrs. H. S. Russell, Mrs. Osgood, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Billings, Harwood and Quincy, Rev. E. E. Hale's Church through Mr. and Mrs. Kennard, the German Church through Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft, and $10 for Christmas fruit from Mr. Weld.

CAKE, ICE-CREAM, AND JELLIES.

Ladies' Aid Association, Mrs. Farwell, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Edward Maynz, Mrs. W. H. Safford.

PICTURES, PAPERS, MAGAZINES, AND BOOKS.

Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Edward E. Clark, Mrs. Osgood, Mr. G. H. Leonard, Mr. Samuel Rice, Mrs. Conant, Mr. G. P. Raymond, Miss White, Rev. Mr. Waldron, Mrs. J. L. Watson, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Clapp, Mrs. King, Mrs. Maynz, Mrs. W. M. Fernald, Dr. G. L. Barnes, Mrs. Chapin, Macullar, Parker & Co., Rev. M. J. Savage, Mr. E. M. Messenger, Miss Whitwell, Mrs. F. C. Dow, the Misses Whitney.

OLD LINEN AND COTTON, SHEETS AND PILLOW-CASES, AND CLOTHING.

Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. E. Whitney, Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Fenno Tudor, Mrs. H. E. Freeman, Mrs. J. E. Chapman, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. R. H. Stearns, Mrs. Hemenway, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Osgood, Mrs. Isaac Fenno, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Maynz, Mrs. Farnsworth, First Church Sewing Circle, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. S. C. Wood, Mrs. King, New Church Society, Mrs. W. Clapp, Mrs. Blanchard, a Lady at the Highlands, the New Church Sewing Society of Newtonville through Mrs. Field.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Five pounds absorbing cotton from Dennison Manufacturing Company; four rugs, fire-irons, fender, hearth-brush, chairs, and bureau covers from Mrs. P. C. Brooks; one load of loam from Michael Collaton; salmon from Mrs. I. T. Talbot; four rugs from Mrs. Farwell; child's bedstead and mattresses from Mr. C. R. Codman; commode from Mrs. W. P. Kennard; $5.00 from Dr. C. Wesselhoeft, for a filter; five tickets for "drives for invalids" from the Young Men's Christian Union; a barrel of flour from Mrs. Fenno Tudor; a filter and American Polish from Dr. Talbot.

To all these generous givers, as well as to those who by withholding their names have prevented us from expressing our thanks to them individually, we desire to present our grateful acknowledgments.

MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

Otis Clapp.
John P. Jewett.
Jacob Sleeper.
Charles B. Hall.
*George Bancroft.
Robert L. Robbins.
James Dennie.
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Mrs. G. W. W. Dove.
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Dr. M. J. Flanders.
John M. Forbes.
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Jonathan French.
R. S. Frost.
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†Miss Ellen Frothingham.
Joel Goldthwait.
Chester Guild.
†Dr. E. B. de Gersdorff.
John R. Hall.
Alpheus Hardy.
Mrs. Augustus Hemenway.
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†Miss F. E. Horton.
F. A. Howard.
George S. Howard.
Mrs. N. D. Hubbard.
Liverus Hull.
C. E. Jenkins.
Miss Frances Jones.
Mrs. F. O. Kendall.
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Wm. B. Merrill.
Mrs. Anna L. Moring.
John Felt Osgood.
Mrs. John Felt Osgood.
Dr. J. P. Paine.
Miss Abby W. Pearson.
A. C. Perkins.
R. Perkins.
Henry L. Pierce.
William Pope.
William C. Pope.
George H. Quincy.
Mrs. H. E. Raymond.
Mrs. B. T. Reed.
Isaac B. Rich.
Thomas F. Richardson.
S. B. Rindge.
Mrs. S. B. Rindge.
Royal E. Robbins.
Mrs. George Ropes.
Dr. George Russell.
Mrs. George R. Russell.
Henry S. Russell.
Mrs. Anna G. Russell.
Dr. O. S. Sanders.
Mrs. Deborah Shaw.
Francis G. Shaw.
Mrs. H. B. Stanwood.
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Mrs. Valeria G. Stone.
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Mrs. C. E. Stratton.
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Miss Hannah M. Weld.
Dr. C. Wesselhoeft.
†Mrs. C. Wesselhoeft.
Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft.
Benj. C. White.
Dr. S. Whitney.
Dr. J. H. Woodbury.
Dr. D. G. Woodvine.
†David L. Webster.

*Deceased.

†Members during term of office.

BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Corporation shall be composed of the persons named in the Act incorporating certain persons by the name of the "Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital," of such persons as may be at any legal meeting of the Corporation nominated and elected as members, and also of all such persons as shall have contributed the sum of $100, or upwards, at any one time.

ART. 2. There shall be a meeting of the Corporation on the third Wednesday in January in each year, to be called the Annual Meeting, at which the following officers shall be elected: viz., a President, four Vice-Presidents, such number of Trustees as the Corporation shall determine, not exceeding thirty, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; to serve one year and till others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead. Any person elected to, and signifying his acceptance of, either of the offices mentioned in this article, shall become thereby a member of the Corporation during the term of office. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees may be filled by the Board.

ART. 3. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given by the Secretary, in one or more newspapers printed in Boston, at least fourteen days, and by mail five days, previous to the day of meeting; but said meeting may be continued, from time to time, until the business thereof shall be accomplished; the Secretary giving at least one day's notice of the time and place of said adjournment, in a newspaper printed in Boston.

ART. 4. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Trustees.

ART. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, if present, and shall have power to order special meetings of the Corporation or Board of Trustees whenever, in his opinion, it may be expedient; the Secretary giving at least seven days' notice of such special meetings of the Corporation in one or more of the newspapers printed in Boston, and at least two days' notice of such special meetings of the Board of Trustees, to be sent by mail to each of the members.

In the absence or incapacity of the President, or vacancy of the office, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties which devolve upon the President.

ART. 6. The Trustees shall constitute a board for the immediate management of all the property and concerns of the institution. They shall make such by-laws, rules, and regulations to govern their action as they may deem expedient, not inconsistent with the charter and by-laws of the Corporation. They shall meet at such times and places as they shall by vote determine, or as the President may direct, and all questions which come before the board shall be determined by a majority of the Trustees present and voting thereon. They shall have power to take any measures which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations,

and bequests to the Corporation ; to petition the Legislature for any additional grants or privileges, and for such amendments and alterations of the several Acts relative to the Corporation as they may think advisable ; to take charge of and watch over the general interests and concerns of the institution, to enter into and bind the Corporation by such compacts and engagements as they may deem advantageous ; to appoint, annually or otherwise, all proper and necessary physicians, surgeons, officers, assistants, and servants, for the superintendence and management of the respective departments, with such salaries and allowances as they may, from time to time, fix and determine ; to make such rules and regulations for the government of the said physicians, surgeons, officers, attendants, and servants, and for the admission of patients, and the well ordering and conducting of the respective departments of the institution, as to them may seem proper and expedient. *Provided*, however, that the said by-laws, rules, and regulations shall at all times be subject to be altered or amended by the Corporation at their annual meeting, or at any legal meeting specially called for that purpose.

They shall cause a fair record of all their doings to be kept, which shall be laid before the Corporation at every meeting thereof; and at every annual meeting, they shall make a written report on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the institution, comprising an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation, a statement of the numbers of patients admitted and discharged during the year in each department, and all such other matters as may be of importance and interest to the Corporation; and for this purpose they shall, at some previous meeting, appoint a committee of the board.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall receive and have the custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the Corporation, which he shall keep and manage, under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees or their Committee of Finance. He shall pay no money but by order of the Board of Trustees, or of their committees, duly authorized by the board to draw on him therefor.* He shall render an account of the state of his books and of the funds and property in his custody, when called for by the Trustees or Corporation; and he shall make up the accounts to the last day of December in each year, which accounts, properly audited, shall be laid before the Corporation at their annual meeting.

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*The following vote was passed by the Board of Trustees, on April 4, 1878: "The Treasurer is authorized to invest moneys or property belonging to the Hospital, and to sell or exchange any investments, only in accordance with a vote of the Board of Trustees certified to by the Secretary, or by written instruction signed by a majority of the Finance Committee."

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

I. APPLICATIONS of patients for admission may be made to one of the house physicians or house surgeons at the Hospital on any day of the week, and when practicable, between 11 and 12 A. M. The patient should apply in person, when able to do so; otherwise application may be made by a friend, and the patient will be visited by a house physician or house surgeon, and if admitted by the attending physician or surgeon, the proper papers will be forwarded to the patient.

II. The patient on admission shall give security, satisfactory to the Executive Committee, for the payment of expenses in the Hospital.

III. In cases of accident or extreme emergency, the patient will be admitted without delay, and provided for as well as circumstances will permit.

IV. Contagious diseases, syphilis, delirium-tremens, and also incurable diseases will not be admitted to the Hospital.

V. No patient will be allowed to remain longer than twelve weeks, except by the special consent of the Medical Board.

VI. All patients will be admitted and discharged upon the certificate of the attending physician or surgeon. He shall have discretionary power in the dismission of patients, or he may refer doubtful cases to the Medical Board.

Patients shall be discharged by the attending physician or surgeon at any time when, in his opinion, the interests of the patient or of the Hospital demand it.

VII. Whenever a patient is removed from the Hospital without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon, he shall require from the person assuming the responsibility of the removal a written statement to that effect.

VIII. The attending physician or surgeon shall not deliver the body of any person having died at the Hospital, without a written receipt from the parties taking the same.

IX. In case of the decease of any patient, the friends shall be apprised thereof by the matron, and the attending physician or surgeon shall sign a certificate of death, and shall furnish the City Registrar with a copy of the same. He shall also state the time and cause of death, the disposition made of the body, whether delivered to friends or buried from the Hospital. In the last case he shall mention the place of interment.

RULES FOR PATIENTS.

I. Patients must be in their proper places in the wards during the daily medical and surgical visits, between 11 and 12 A. M., and always by 8 P. M., unless specially exempted by the attending physician or surgeon.

II. Patients shall not visit other wards without the consent of the matron.

III. Those free patients who are able are expected to assist in nursing and in such other services as may be reasonably required of them.

IV. No patient shall purchase, or cause any member of the household to purchase for him, any article of food whatsoever, or any other article, without the consent of the matron.

V. Profane or obscene language, noisy or loud talking, and incivility are prohibited.

VI. The use of tobacco, wine, and intoxicating liquors is prohibited within the Hospital, unless prescribed by the physician.

VII. Patients may be visited by a clergyman of their own selection, and the wish for the performance of any particular religious rite shall be indulged when practicable.

VIII. The rules of the Hospital must be implicitly obeyed by the patients. Should any patient wilfully and persistently disregard these rules, the friends will be notified to take him away, or, failing to do so, he will be discharged.

IX. Complaints for whatever cause may be made to the matron or Executive Committee, and when reasonable, shall be obviated, or reported by them to the Trustees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

When the Trustees are not in session, the Executive Committee shall have entire charge and control of the Hospital, and execute all the orders and directions of the Trustees in relation to it. They shall regulate all the supplies and purchases of the Hospital, except those pertaining to the pharmacist; determine the necessary number and the wages respectively of all the employees of the Hospital; fix the price per week of the various beds or rooms; and whenever it is necessary, advise with and assist the matron in enforcing the rules and regulations of the Hospital. They shall meet as often as once a week to examine and consider the affairs of the Hospital committed to them, and report on all important matters at the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees.

THE MEDICAL BOARD.

I. The Medical Board shall consist of the physicians and surgeons appointed by the Board of Trustees.

II. They shall have full power and control over the medical and surgical treatment of all the patients in the Hospital.

III. They shall make such rules and regulations as they may deem best for their control and government, not inconsistent with the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Hospital as established by the Board of Trustees.

IV. Any violation of the rules and regulations of the Medical Board shall be reported to the Board of Trustees.

MATRON.

I. The Hospital shall be under the care of the matron, who shall live in the building and shall not leave it except on necessary occasions. She shall not be absent for more than three hours at any one time, nor after 10 P. M., without the leave of the Executive Committee. She shall have the assistance of such nurses and servants as the Executive Committee may think proper, and shall hire, and when necessary discharge the same.

II. The matron shall have the immediate superintendence of the nurses, servants, and all inmates of the Hospital, and shall enforce personal cleanliness, neatness, and obedience to orders on their part. In case of any refusal to conform to these rules and regulations, she shall report the same to the Executive Committee.

III. The matron shall make the entire round of the Hospital at least once a day, that she may be assured of the neatness and order of each department, and may become acquainted with the patients, their necessities and wants, and see that they have every comfort.

IV. She shall have charge and superintendence of all furniture, bedding, linen, provisions, table and household supplies, and see that none are unnecessarily wasted or destroyed. She shall keep in a book, designed for this purpose, an exact inventory of all goods belonging to and in the Hospital, and also memoranda of breakages or losses, occasioned by the patients or otherwise; and is directed to require payment for any article carelessly injured or broken, and make a report each Saturday to the Executive Committee.

V. It is the duty of the matron to receive all visitors, exercising discretion in showing to all suitable persons the Hospital and such wards as they may desire to see.

VI. The matron shall assign rooms or beds to patients on their entrance according to the price of board agreed upon, and shall collect weekly the bills of all those who are not free patients.

VII. The matron is requested to exclude from conversation at her table, and in every other place in the Hospital, all topics of a personal nature about any patient, such as anecdotes of patients, complaints, etc. Any nurse or servant violating this rule shall be discharged.

VIII. The matron shall require punctuality at meals on the part of all connected with the Hospital.

The following are the hours for the meals:—

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Supper.
For Patients	7 A. M.	12½ P. M.	6 P. M.
For Matron, House Physicians and Surgeons, and Nurses . .	7½ "	1 "	6½ "
For Janitor and Servants . .	8 "	1½ "	7 "

IX. If it be desired to invite any guest to one meal, the consent of the matron shall be obtained; if to more than one, the consent of the Executive Committee is required.

X. The matron shall insist upon economy in all departments of the Hospital.

XI. All supplies received by the Hospital, either by gift or purchase, shall be entered in a book called the "Supply Book," which shall be regularly laid before the Executive Committee.

XII. A record shall be kept by the matron of every important occurrence in the Hospital.

XIII. No gift or remuneration shall be received by the matron, nurses, or servants, for anything done or to be done in virtue of their situation, upon pain of peremptory dismissal.

HOUSE PHYSICIANS AND HOUSE SURGEONS.

I. The house physicians and house surgeons shall reside at the Hospital, and shall not absent themselves for more than two hours at any time without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon; and on no account shall all be absent from the Hospital at the same time, unless it be in the attendance upon medical lectures in the adjoining college, at such time as their services may not be required in the Hospital.

II. They shall accompany the attending physician and surgeon respectively in their daily visits, make a careful record of the cases, the treatment, and the prescribed diet, prepare the medicine as directed, and deliver the same, together with necessary orders, to the nurses, directly after the morning visit.

III. They shall also have charge of the medical and surgical apparatus, and the library of the Hospital.

IV. They shall attend to patients on their admission, and give the necessary directions for their comfort before they are seen by their regular medical attendant; and beside the morning visit with the attending physician and surgeon, they shall make a daily evening visit to each patient between the hours of 7 and 8 P. M., and at such other times only as they may be requested to do so by the matron or nurse.

V. They shall, each in his own department, see all persons who apply for admission, either for themselves or for their friends, and shall, if practicable, visit or see the patient before admission to the Hospital. They shall make a record of all important facts in the case, in books kept for

the purpose. If the case is obviously unsuitable for admission, under the rules of the Hospital, they shall so record it; if otherwise, they shall report the case as soon as possible to the attending physician or surgeon, and obtain from him and transmit to the patient the necessary papers for admission. They shall conduct such correspondence in relation to the admission of patients as may be directed by the attending physician or surgeon.

VI. When there are more than one house physician or house surgeon, their duties shall be as nearly equally divided as may be expedient and practicable in the opinion of the attending physician or surgeon.

VII. All communications of a personal nature made to house physician or surgeon by a patient, or by the attending physician or surgeon concerning a patient, shall be considered as strictly confidential.

RULES FOR NURSES.

I. The nurses shall be responsible to the house physician or surgeon, as the case may be, for the regular administration of medicines and the care of patients, in accordance with the directions of the attending physician or surgeon, and shall not give, or allow to be given, to the patients any article of food or drink, except such as the physician or surgeon may permit.

II. When articles of food are brought by visitors, the nurse will receive and take them to the matron, until permission be given for their being eaten.

III. The linen of medical wards shall be changed twice weekly; and in the surgical wards according to special instructions in each case. In the confinement wards at least one clean sheet shall be given each day; the pillow-cases shall be changed twice weekly; the personal clothing every two days, unless otherwise ordered by the attending physician.

IV. The soiled clothes from confinement and surgical wards shall be removed from the room at once; no clothes soiled in washing patients, medical and surgical furniture or apparatus, such as bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be used twice, or put in a closet after use until thoroughly cleansed.

V. Each morning, nurses shall procure from the matron the required clean bed linen and towels for their wards, and send the soiled linen to the laundry.

VI. The face and hands of all patients shall be bathed and their bed linen changed before breakfast, unless in special cases, when instruction will be given by the attending physician or surgeon.

VII. The patients in the medical wards, unless too ill, may generally bathe themselves; in the surgical wards the bathing will be according to special instructions in each case; in confinement wards the nurses shall bathe each patient once daily; when more or less frequently, special instructions will be given.

VIII. Nurses are required to be extremely careful at all times, and especially in bathing the patients, dressing wounds, giving enemas, etc., that there be the least possible exposure of the patient.

IX. Nurses shall follow the visits of the physician or surgeon, and shall, in all cases, hold themselves in readiness after the visit to receive orders from the house physician or surgeon. Concerning everything which may occur between the visits, the nurse may consult either house physician or surgeon, as the case may be.

X. A strict watch of each patient and of every symptom shall be kept by the nurse, and reported to the physician or surgeon at the visits, and the nurse should be able to give exact information of the quantity and quality of all discharges, etc.

XI. The nurse shall see that the medicine glasses of her ward are kept replenished, fresh medicine prepared daily, and the empty glasses thoroughly cleansed.

XII. The bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be cleansed immediately after use, and kept in a designated place for inspection at the morning visit of the matron.

XIII. Articles belonging to each ward shall be kept for that ward only.

XIV. The nurses shall frequently wash the utensils, as well as their own hands, with a weak solution of some disinfectant.

XV. Nurses will see that all is quiet in their wards during the night, and that the patients are not wakened before 6 A. M. Between the hours of 9 P. M. and 6 A. M., all noise, such as the turning on of water, unnecessary opening and shutting of doors, etc., shall be completely avoided.

XVI. The nurse in the surgical department shall see that the patients are kept perfectly quiet twenty-four hours at least after any important surgical operation, and that no person shall see them during this time without the permission of the surgeon.

XVII. No visitors are allowed to patients in the maternity wards until five days after confinement.

XVIII. The nurses are required to see that visitors do not come into their wards without permission, nor remain longer than the time prescribed.

XIX. Each nurse, while on duty, shall wear a soft cotton dress, white apron, and soft shoes without heels. She shall particularly care for her personal cleanliness, neatness, and simplicity in attire.

XX. Underclothes should be perfectly plain; no elaborately trimmed garments can be sent to the Hospital laundry, and the number each week shall not exceed eighteen pieces for each person.

XXI. The nurses shall take a half-hour's exercise daily, in the open air, at such time as the matron shall designate. When the nurse requires to be out a longer time, she must obtain special permission from the matron.

XXII. It is strictly forbidden that nurses spend their time in each other's wards or rooms.

XXIII. All lights are to be put out in the wards at nine o'clock, except in special cases of sickness.

XXIV. The nurses are, in a great degree, responsible in their wards for the happiness and comfort of their patients, and will, in any difficulty or need, apply to the attending physician, house physician, surgeon, or matron, as the case may be, in securing these.

XXV. The nurses should immediately report to the matron any infringement of the rules and regulations of the Hospital by the patients.

XXVI. The nurses are requested not to waste gas or water, and to read over these rules every week.

PHARMACIST.

The pharmacist shall have charge and make all purchases of the medicines, medical and surgical supplies, and instruments required in the Hospital, as directed by the Medical Board. He shall make such rules in relation to the purchase of supplies as he shall think fit, not inconsistent with the regulations of the Board of Trustees.

JANITOR.

The janitor shall have charge of and be responsible for all the fires in the Hospital, and shall keep the wards and halls at a temperature of 70°, or as near thereto as possible. He shall also see that the gas and water are properly regulated, and not wasted or unnecessarily used, and that the Hospital grounds are suitably cared for.

He shall assist in the moving and care of the patients, and attend to such other matters about the Hospital as the matron may require. He shall not leave the Hospital grounds without the knowledge and consent of the matron. He shall see that all the windows and doors are secured, and the gas in the halls turned off at 10 P. M.

SERVANTS.

I. Servants are to rise at six o'clock, summer and winter.

II. The servants will receive their orders from the matron, or some one designated by her, and will be held accountable by the matron for their proper performance.

III. The work must be done promptly, and as early as possible in the morning.

IV. All employees must be in their respective places during their hours of duty. The doors of the Hospital will be closed at 10 P. M., at which time all are expected to be quiet, and those not on duty in their own rooms.

VISITORS.

I. Patients will be permitted to receive visits from their friends on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week, from 2 to 4 P. M., and at no other time without a special permit from the physician or matron.

In all cases, however, the attending physician or surgeon may exercise discretionary powers as to excluding or admitting visitors. All visitors must leave at the expiration of the visiting hours.

II. Visitors will not be permitted to take any meal in the Hospital, or to pass the night therein, without the permission of the Executive Committee.

III. No visitor will be allowed to give any article of food or drink to a patient, unless by permission of the attending physician or surgeon, and any articles sent to the patient shall be left with the matron or nurse.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

During the past year, two changes have occurred in the board of officers of the Ladies' Aid Association. Mrs. Farwell, who has served since the Hospital was organized, resigned on account of ill health. The ladies regretted extremely her decision to do so, as she has always had a warm interest in the Hospital; but they congratulate themselves on having secured so able a successor as Mrs. Tracy has proved herself to be.

Mrs. Osgood also resigned, much against the wishes of the ladies, and Mrs. Jackson has been elected in her place.

One of the former members of the board, Miss Wales, has died during the past year, and her death is felt to be a great loss to the Hospital; for her counsels were always wise, her sympathies true, and her decisions just.

The Purchasing Committee, consisting of three members of the board, have expended a large part of the funds of the Association in furnishing the Hospital with necessary articles, besides supplying ice-cream, as in former years, and carriages for those patients who were unable to walk.

The grounds about the Hospital were put in order early in the spring, and during the summer and autumn an abundance of flowers beautified the grounds, besides giving pleasure to the patients, for whom they were gathered.

A new feature of the past year was the out-door ward, consisting of a long awning, open at the sides, under the shade of which the patients who were able could lie in hammocks and enjoy the fresh air. It was much appreciated, and often spoken of in grateful terms by those who could use it.

The free bed of the Association has been occupied during the year by patients recommended by members.

During the past month, a fair for a State Homœopathic Hospital was held at Providence; and in response to an appeal from the ladies there, a table was organized under the direction of the board, Mrs. Hunt, a former member, acting as president. This undertaking was most successfully carried out.

There are so many ways in which money may be spent for the benefit of the Hospital, that the Association is desirous of increasing the number of its members, and hopes that the ladies will visit the Hospital and see how much good their subscriptions are doing.

For the Association,

ELIZABETH B. ALLEN,

Secretary.

January 25, 1882.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. The object of this Association shall be to aid the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.

ART. II. Ladies may become members of this Association by the payment of $2.00 annually.

ART. III. The officers shall consist of twelve Directors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall have the control of the affairs of the Association, and shall submit a report of their doings at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

ART. IV. The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to those offices. Each Director shall select some person or persons, who with herself shall be a Board of Hospital Visitors for the month to which she is assigned. It shall be the duty of the Board of Visitors to provide, as far as possible, for the needs of the patients. The number of visits per week may be left to the discretion of the monthly visitor, provided the visits be not less than two per week.

ART. V. The Annual Meeting of the Association for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the last Wednesday of January, immediately after the monthly meeting.

Monthly meetings of the Board of Officers shall be held on the last Wednesday of each month.

At each regular meeting a report shall be made by the Board of Visitors for that month.

Special meetings of the Association and of the Board of Officers shall be held on the call of the Secretary, at the request of three Directors.

ART. VI. Should vacancies occur in the Board of Officers, they may be filled by the Board.

ART. VII. The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended at its Annual Meeting.

OFFICERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION FOR 1882.

DIRECTORS.

MRS. WILLIAM POPE,
MRS. OLIVER DITSON,
MRS. F. U. TRACY,
MRS. FRANKLIN KING,
MRS. ALEXANDER STRONG,
MRS. A. S. FOSTER,
MRS. AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY,
MISS M. J. ROGERS,
MRS. W. H. CLAPP,
MRS. EDWARD WHITNEY,
MRS. S. T. HOOPER,
MRS. W. F. JACKSON.

SECRETARY.

MRS. FRANK R. ALLEN.

TREASURER.

MRS. F. W. ANDREWS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT WITH MRS. F. W. ANDREWS, TREASURER, JANUARY, 1881, TO JANUARY, 1882.

DR.

To cash bills paid	$660 96
Balance to new account	56 20
	$717 16

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By balance from last account	$70 00	
" cash subscriptions	647 00	
" " discount on bills	16	
		$717 16

E. & O. E.

Approved:

MRS. OLIVER DITSON,
MRS. A. S. FOSTER,
Auditing Committee.

BOSTON, Jan 2, 1882.

MEMBERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

Alvord, Mrs. A. G.
Angell, Mrs. H. C.
Ahlborn, Mrs. Henry
Albree, Mrs. John
Adams, Mr. L. B.
Apthorp, Mrs. R. E.
Allen, Mrs. F. R.
Atkins, Mrs. E.
Atkinson, Mrs. Edward
Adams, Mrs. Thomas
Andrews, Mrs. F. W.
Ayres, Miss Alice C.
Balch, Mrs. J. W.
Blake, Mrs. Charles
Bancroft, Mrs. George
Batcheller, Mrs. A. H.
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Bartol, Miss L. H.
*Bemis, Mrs. F. T.
Baker, Mr. C. T.
Brigham, Mrs Wm.
Brown, Miss H. L.
Benedict, Mrs. W. G.
Bigelow, Mrs. L. A.
Berry, Mrs. A. D.
Blanchard, Mrs. Wm.
Boardman, Mrs. W. D.
Bowditch, Mrs. Wm. I.
Burditt, Mrs. H. S.
Barnett, Mrs. A L.
Billings, Mrs. F. N.
Burrage, Mrs. C. H.
Burrage, Mrs. J. K.
Bigelow, Mrs. Joshua
Bigelow, Miss Fannie
Brigham, Miss Lucy F.
Baker, Mrs. Dr. J. A.
*Cate, Mrs. Dr. S. M.
*Chandler, Mrs. Peleg W.
Cutler, Mrs. Wm.
Cumings, Mrs. J. W.
Crump, Mrs. C. H.
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.
Copeland, Mrs. W. H. C.
Cutter, Miss A. F.
Curtis, Mrs. Paul
Curtis, Mrs Henry
Clapp, Mr. Wm. W.
Clapp, Mrs. Wm W.
Cotton, Mrs. D. P.
Chapman, Mrs. D. R.
Clement, Miss Helen I.
Crane, Mrs. Joshua
Cheney, Mrs. Ednah D.
Chase, Mrs. Dr H. L.
Collamore, Miss Helen
Dana, Mrs. Thomas
Dana, Mrs. Thomas, Jr.
*Darrah, Mrs. R. K.
Doe, Mrs. J. M.
Dorr, Mrs. C. H.
Dana, Mrs. Geo. N.
Dewson, Mrs. F. A.
Durant, Mrs. H. F.
Dennie, Mrs. Geo.
Dennie, Miss Sophie
Dennie, Miss Georgie
Dennie, Miss Mary
Dennie, Mr. Geo.
Ditson, Mr. Oliver
Ditson, Mrs. Oliver
Dennett, Miss H.
Erskine, Mrs. John
Farrington, Mr. Charles
Farwe l, Mrs. A. G.
Frothingham, Miss Ellen
Fenno, Mrs. Geo. D.
Freeland, Mrs. J. H.
Fuller, Mrs. Milton
Fuller, Mrs. J. E.
Forbes, Mrs. J. M.
Forbes, Mrs. Sarah G.
Fay, Mrs. Harrison
Farnsworth, Mrs. E. A.
Fay, Mrs. F. B.
Fiske, Mrs. J. N.
Fiske, Miss E. S.
Flint, Mrs. D. B.
Foster, Mrs. A. S.
Fenno, Mrs. Isaac
Gersdorff, Mrs. E. B. de
Gibson, Mrs G. M.
Goldthwait, Mrs. Joel
Goldthwait, Miss L.
Goddard, Miss Julia
Greeley, Mrs. Joseph
Greenleaf, Mr. R. C.
Gray, Mrs. J. H.
Green, Mrs. Franklin
Green, Miss Emily
Graves, Miss F. H.
Hammond, Mrs. C.
Harding, Mrs. W. H.
Hardy, Mrs. Alpheus
Harris, Mrs. Wm.
Harris, Miss Fannie K.
Hall, Mr. Charles B.
Henshaw, Miss A. B.
Hearsay, Miss S. E.
Hemenway, Mrs. Aug.
Hedge, Mrs. F. H.
Hills, Mrs. W. S.
Hobbs, Mrs. W. D
Horton, Miss Fannie E.
Horton, Mrs. Wm. H.
Hooper, Mrs. S. T.
Howe, Miss Annie M.
*Howe, Mrs. Thomas
Hunt, Mrs. David
Huntington, Mrs. C. L.
Hunt, Mrs. S. M.
Hurd, Mrs. Benj.
Hinckley, Mrs. E B.
Howes, Mrs. Fred.
Jackson, Miss H.
Jackson, Mrs. W. F.
Jenkins, Mr. Charles E.
Johnson, Mrs. S., Jr.
Johnson, Mrs. J. C.
Kennard, Mrs. M. P.
Kennard, Mrs. W. H.
King, Mrs. C. E.
King, Mrs. Franklin
King, Miss S.
Kimball, Mrs. J. W.
Krebs, Mrs. Dr.
Leonard, Mrs. G. H.
Lewis, Mrs. John
Lincoln, Miss E.
Lincoln, Mrs. W. H.
Little, Mrs. Samuel
Loring, Mrs. E. T.
Maynz, Mrs. Edward
May, Mrs. Samuel

* Deceased.

May, Miss Eleanor G.
May, Miss Abby W.
Mitchell, Mrs. H. A.
Milliken, Mrs. E. T.
Moors, Mrs. J. B.
Morrill, Mrs. Joseph
Niles, Mrs. Geo. E.
Noyes, Miss M. E.
Osgood, Mrs. J. Felt
Otis, Mrs. Theodore
Parsons, Mrs. Theoph.
Page, Mrs. C. K.
Page, Mrs. Kilby
*Parker, Mrs. Theodore
Perkins, Mrs. J. C.
*Phillips, Mrs. T. W.
Pierce, Mrs. Jacob
Pierce, Mrs. S. B.
Piper, Mrs. Solomon
Porter, Miss L. M., M. D.
Powars, Mrs. D. E.
Pope, Mrs. Wm.
Pope, Mrs. J. F.
Pope, Mrs. W. C.
Putnam, Mrs. M.
Pierce, Miss H. M.
Porter, Mrs. Burr
Raymond, Mrs H. E.
Richardson, Mrs. M. M.
Reed, Mrs. Jas. H.
Reed, Mrs. James
Reed, Miss Sarah G.
Reed, Miss E.
Robbins, Miss Ellen
Robbins, Mrs. R. E.
Rodman, Miss Susan
Rogers, Miss M. J.
Rogers, Miss A. B.
Robinson, Mrs. J. C.
Russell, Mrs. H. G.
Russell, Mrs. Elliott
Russell, Mrs. H. S.
Safford, Mrs. Wm. H.
Schwarz, Mrs. L. B.
Seabury, Mrs. Chas. W.
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.
Simpkins, Mrs. John
Simpkins, Mrs. Mary W.
Slack, Mrs. Chas. W.
Smith, Mrs. H. T.
Spalding, Miss J. V.
Stanwood, Mrs. H. B.
Stanwood, Mrs. H. P.
Stearns, Mrs. B. H.
Stone, Mrs. P. A.
Stowell, Mrs. Alex.
Strong, Mrs. Alex.
Stevenson, Miss H. E.
Sturgis, Mrs. James
Stratton, Mrs. C. E.
Stone, Mrs. E. W.
Taggard, Mrs. B. W.
Talbot, Mrs. Newton
Talbot, Mrs. I. T.
Talbot, Mrs. W. H.
Tarbell, Mrs. J. A.
Taylor, Mrs. W. O.
Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.
Tilton, Mrs. H.
Tower, Mrs. W. L.
Trautman, Mrs. M.
Tracy, Mrs. F. U.
Tudor, Mrs. Fenno
*Wales, Miss M. R.
Ware, Mrs. John
Watson, Mrs. R. S.
Webster, Mrs. D. L.
Weld, Mr. Aaron D.
Weld, Mrs. C. Minot
Weld, Mrs. Francis M.
Wesselhoeft, Dr. W. P.
Wesselhoeft, Mrs. W. P.
Wesselhoeft, Mrs. C.
Whorf, Mrs. S.
Woodbridge, Mrs. A. G.
Wood, Mr. C. G.
Wood, Mrs. C. G., Jr.
Whitney, Edward
Whitney, Mrs. Edward
Whitney, Mrs. Sarah
Whitney, Mrs. Sarah W.
Williams, Mrs. Thos. B.
Winchester, Mrs. D. L.
Witherell, Mrs. S. A.
Wild, Mrs. J. C.
Wild, Miss Catherine
Wiswell, Mrs. W. D.
Wright, Mrs. Edwin
White, Miss
Wyeth, Mrs. E. A.

NOTE. — Any lady may become a member by sending her address and $2.00 or more to the treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Andrews, 187 Beacon Street.

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* Deceased.

METHOD OF ASSISTING

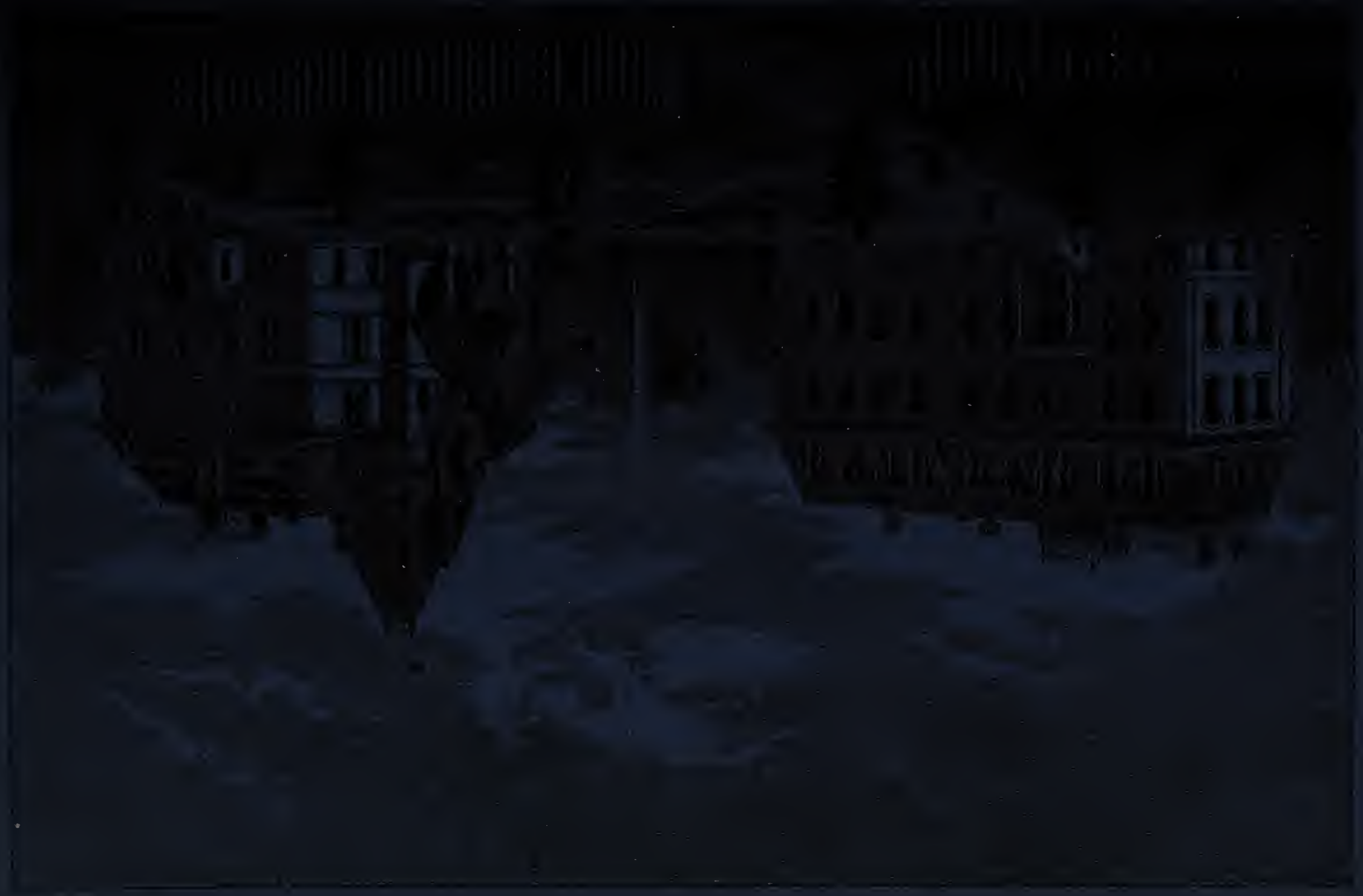
THE

MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

ANY person can aid the Hospital by contributing in either of the following ways: —

1. Donations of money in any amount and at any time, as it is always needed; also of fruit, flowers, vegetables, provisions, books, ornaments, clothing, bandages, old linen, and whatever is necessary or useful for the sick.
2. Annual subscriptions, to be paid at any time during the year, and continued at the will of the donor.
3. One hundred dollars for membership.
4. One hundred and fifty dollars annually for a free bed, to be used six months in the year.
5. One thousand dollars for a free bed, to be used three months each year during the donor's life.
6. Twenty-five hundred dollars for a free bed, to be used all the time, if desired, during the donor's life.
7. Five thousand dollars for a permanent free bed, which may be kept always full.
8. Any sum of money given or collected for free beds, for which a certificate is issued which entitles the holder to a free bed within one year, to the full amount of the certificate, at the established Hospital rates. By this method almost any person may secure the control of a free bed.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, to be paid by my executors to the person acting as treasurer, the sum of dollars, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Hospital, under the direction of its board of officers.

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